



## Welcome to the latest edition of our school newsletter

We have had a really exciting few weeks - our oldest children left us to spend a few days away from home enjoying the challenges of camping in October! For many of our youngsters this was their first time staying away from

home, but, without exception, they rose to the challenge and returned a little wiser and very tired!

In school, our youngest children are settling in well and enjoying making new friends, learning new sounds and numbers.

Children in the Badger and Hedgehog classes have been demonstrating great attitudes to their learning and we are seeing some fantastic pieces of writing, lots of home reading and great problem solving skills in maths. Keep up the hard work!

*Kate Cleaver*

Principal

### OPEN CLASS EVENT

18 October from 3pm

See page 4

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 October | 4.30 - 6pm

See page 4

### CHILDREN IN NEED

17 November

More info to follow

### TERM DATES

LAST DAY: 20 Oct

BACK: 30 Oct

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# Class of the Week

29 September



## Pen Licence

None this time but keep trying!

We had a special award last week due to the Owls Residential trip.

**Leigha was voted Star Camper!**

**Well Done!**



# Pupils of the Week



All of the new Squirrels are super!



Eden & Fleur



Ethan & Erica



Ava & Maddison

## Upcoming Events

### Open Class

You are invited to join your child(ren) in their classroom **from 3:00pm** on the afternoon of **Wednesday 18 October** where they will have the opportunity to share their work with you.



The children are invited to a Halloween Party from **4.30-6.00pm on 31 October**. The children will be supervised by teaching staff and will play Halloween themed games and have a drink and Halloween themed healthy snacks. The cost for this will be £2.50 and any funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of our playground.

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# facebook®

As well as our school Twitter we now have a school Facebook page. This is to keep you up to date with what's going on in and around school. [Click here to take a look.](#)



**Mon - Fri from 8am**

### **Ecton Early Birds Breakfast Club**

It has been lovely to see children already joining us for the Early Birds Breakfast Club. Children can be dropped off from 8:00, are given a healthy breakfast and then they can play games. The cost for this is only £3 per session. There is no need to book, but if you plan on using the breakfast club regularly, please let the office know.

**Monday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Streetdance**

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Dodgeball**

Led by Trilogy Leisure. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Gymnastics**

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Thursday | 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

### **Multi-Sports**

Led by GLK. Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**Thursday Lunchtime | 12.20pm - 1pm**

### **Football Club**

Open to pupils in Hedgehog, Badger and Owl classes.

**If you would like more information on availability or pricing or your child would like to attend any of the above clubs please come to the school office.**

## The Residential

On Monday 2nd October 19 Owls and one brave Badger set off on an epic adventure of survival, courage and resilience. Accompanied by three gallant members of staff, our young adventures boarded the minibuses and set off to deepest darkest Hertfordshire for three days of outdoor activity. Armed only with sleeping bags, pillows and plenty of layers they set up camp in the woods. By camp we do mean in a tent - in October. Yes our intrepid young people spent two nights braving the cold October weather under canvas!

Their days were filled with essential survival skills such as den building, animal tracking and fire lighting. They also went pot holing, abseiling and tobogganing! Evenings were spent around the camp fire toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate.

For many of the children this was their first experience of staying away from home, so for many parents this was the first time without their children! However, everyone was very brave (even the parents!) and all the children rose to the challenge of a stay away from home. Every child committed to the experiences on offer and, even if many experiences were new and a little bit scary, they embraced every challenge and came home a little bit braver and a little bit more grown up.

Thank you to all the families who gave this opportunity to their children - they will now have a few more wonderful memories of their time at Ecton Village Primary Academy.

Thank you to Mr Black, Miss Miley and Miss Mackenzie who also spent two nights under canvas, embraced the activities and came back to school looking even more shattered than the children! Activities like this cannot happen without the commitment of our staff - they are just as brilliant as the children!







## Stay Well this Winter

**Colds** - to ease the symptoms of a cold, drink plenty of fluids and try to rest. Steam inhalation and vapour rubs can also help. Prevent colds from spreading by washing your hands thoroughly, cleaning surfaces regularly and always sneeze and cough into tissues, throwing them away after use.

**Sore throats** - a sore throat is almost always caused by a viral infection, such as a cold. Try not to eat or drink anything that's too hot, as this could further irritate your throat; cool or warm drinks and cool, soft foods should go down easier.

**Asthma** - a range of weather-related triggers can set off asthma symptoms, including cold air. Covering your nose and mouth with a warm scarf when you're out can help.

**Norovirus** - this is also known as the winter vomiting bug, although it can cause diarrhoea too. The main thing to do is drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. You can also take paracetamol for any aches, pains or fever.

**Flu** - If you're generally fit and healthy, the best treatment is to rest, stay warm and drink plenty of water.





## Online Gaming - What you need to know

Gaming is a fun and sociable way to spend time, encouraging teamwork and developing skills. All good stuff, but there are a few things you need to be aware of:

- Get involved by finding out what type of games your child enjoys and making sure they're appropriate for their age
- Some games let children play and chat with anyone in the world. This means they might come across offensive language and bullying
- Not everyone online is who they say they are. Children should avoid giving out personal details that could identify them or their location
- Some games encourage players to buy extra elements during the game - children have been known to run up large bills without realising
- In extreme cases bullying, also known as 'griefing', can be used as a tactic to win games. Children may find themselves either bullying or being bullied.

There is nothing like sitting down with your children and joining in some of their games to find out just why they find them such fun. Here's how to keep their gaming experience healthy:

- Ask who they play with online, who they meet and talk to, and what kind of language is being used in live chat (usually via headphones). Gaming sites often have ways of reporting abusive chat and excluding anti-social players. Make sure your child knows how to do this
- Especially for younger children, change the settings on your tablet or smartphone to 'airplane' mode. That way, they can play the game offline without making accidental purchases or connecting with someone they don't know
- Make sure you and your family agree what games can be played and that children understand why some games are allowed and others aren't. Agree how long they're allowed to play for
- Teach your children to protect themselves - remind them not to share personal information and to keep gaming friends in the game only rather than adding them to their other social networks
- Read each game's advice for parents and play the game yourself to help you understand more about how the game your child is playing works and its appropriateness.

## Check out the PEGI rating

The **PEGI (Pan European Gaming Information)** labels appear on a game's packaging. They provide a reliable indication of the suitability of the game content for different ages. Descriptors will indicate the main reasons why a game has received a particular age rating. There are eight such descriptors: bad language, discrimination, drugs, fear, gambling, sex, violence and online gameplay with other people.



# Academic Calendar 2017/2018

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- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Pupil Day
- Training Day



## Notices

### Our Morning Routine

Can you please ensure that children arrive no later than 8:50 so that they can be registered and in assembly on time. The gate will now lock at 9:00am and parents must accompany children to the front office and sign in the late book. Thank you for your support with this.

### Term Time Holidays

Please can we reiterate that term time holidays will NEVER be authorised. It is not acceptable to take your child out of school for a family holiday, or for a family trip / birthday treat. Please understand that any unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may be referred to the Local Education Authority (LEA) and that ANY holiday (even one or two days) will also be referred to the LEA. The LEA may then impose a fine. The LEA can fine parents £60 for taking their child on holiday without permission. The fine is per child, per absence and each parent can be fined.

For further information and guidance on attendance please see the Hatton Academies Trust 'Attendance for Learning Policy' which can be found, with all other policies, on our website.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you for all of the food donations for Harvest Festival, it will be delivered to Northampton Food Bank this week.



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